

Executive Registry

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence  
FROM : PB/NSC Coordinator  
SUBJECT : "Leaks" and Investigation Thereof

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1. Members of the Office of Security have stopped in to see me on many occasions when they were in the process of trying to ascertain whether a "leak" occurred that warranted their investigation. One of the problems that they have is determining whether a "real leak" occurred, or whether it was an "official leak."

2. In order to save the unnecessary expenditure of time, manpower and money in trying to determine whether a leak warranting a security investigation has occurred, I recommend the following rather informal steps be taken (I have discussed this with [ ] and he thinks such a procedure would be very helpful to him and his staff).

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a. When Security has a question about some item which appears in the media, etc. and is uncertain as to whether an investigation is warranted (assuming one has not been directed by you), they will provide me with a copy of the article in question.

b. I will then send you the article with a note asking you if you would like to have the possible leak pursued and/or whether you would like to take it up in one of your meetings with Brzezinski, SecDef or SecState. (It is possible that what we might think is a "real leak" may have been an "official leak" that one of them may have approved by way of backgrounder, etc.)

3. I have already sent you two such informal notes for your decision about how you want to proceed. UNODIR I will follow the procedures outlined above.

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cc: D/OS

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